## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) )
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) )
ENBRIDGE ENERGY, LIMITED	) )
PARTNERSHIP,	)
ENBRIDGE PIPELINES (LAKEHEAD) L.L.C.,	) Civil Action No. 1:16-cv-914
ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.,	)
ENBRIDGE ENERGY MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.,	) Judge Gordon J. Quist
ENBRIDGE ENERGY COMPANY, INC.,	)
ENBRIDGE EMPLOYEE SERVICES, INC.,	) )
ENBRIDGE OPERATIONAL SERVICES, INC.,	, )
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ENBRIDGE PIPELINES INC., and	)
ENBRIDGE EMPLOYEE SERVICES CANADA	, )
INC.,	)
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Defendants.	· )
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## NOTICE OF NON-MATERIAL MODIFICATION OF CONSENT DECREE (FOURTH MODIFICATION OF CONSENT DECREE)

The United States and Enbridge<sup>1</sup> hereby notify the Court that they have agreed to a non-material modification of a provision in Paragraph 116.a of the Consent Decree that governs the location of certain Field Exercises and Table Top Exercises required as part of the Spill

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As used herein, "Enbridge" refers collectively to: Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, Enbridge Pipelines (Lakehead) L.L.C., Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P., Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C., Enbridge Energy Company, Inc., Enbridge Employee Services, Inc., Enbridge Operational Services, Inc., Enbridge Pipelines Inc. and Enbridge Employee Services Canada Inc.

Response and Preparedness Requirements established in Section VII.H of the Consent Decree previously entered by the Court in this action. As previously approved by the Court, Paragraph 116.a specified that "Enbridge shall conduct such exercises in cities and towns shown on Appendix C." The parties have agreed to modify this sentence to read: "Enbridge shall conduct such exercises in cities and towns shown on Appendix C, unless Enbridge requests in writing and EPA agrees in writing to conduct such exercises in other cities and towns."

The agreed modification is not a material modification of the Consent Decree, as it does not change the number, timing, or content of any of the required exercises. Rather, it merely expands the number of locations where required exercises may be conducted, provided that the Environmental Protection Agency agrees in writing to locations proposed by Enbridge for the exercises.

Under Paragraph 201 of the Consent Decree, non-material modifications of the Consent Decree do not require Court approval and are effective upon notice to the Court. Thus, no separate action by the Court is required to effectuate the modification described herein.

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